

**Amendments to the Specification:**

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 1, line 16, under the heading CROSS-REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATIONS with the following amended paragraph:

This application claims priority under 35 USC 119(a) to Canadian Application No. 2,326,285 filed November 17, 2000 ~~2001~~ ~~the disclosure of which is incorporated herein by reference.~~

Please add the following new paragraph at the bottom of page 32:

Access to this deposit will be available during the pendency of the application to the Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks and persons determined by the Commissioner to be entitled thereto upon request. These deposits will be maintained under the terms of the Budapest Treaty on the International Recognition of the Deposit of Microorganisms for the Purposes of Patent Procedure. These deposits were made merely as a convenience for those of skill in the art and are not an admission that a deposit is required under 35 U.S.C. § 112. However, Applicant has no authority to waive any restrictions imposed by law on the transfer of biological material or its transportation in commerce. Applicant does not waive any infringement of its rights granted under this patent or under the Plant Variety Protection Act (7 USC 2321 et seq.)